

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1044

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Annette Watts on her 500<sup>th</sup> win of her basketball coaching career.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing a basketball coaching legend who has attained a significant milestone in her coaching career; and

WHEREAS, Coach Annette Watts, head basketball coach of the Lady Devils of Greeneville High School, recently attained the 500<sup>th</sup> win of her coaching career; 172 of those wins came with the Lady Devils since she became head coach in 2013; and

WHEREAS, as a player for West Greene High School, Annette Watts helped her team reach the TSSAA state tournament in 1974 and 1977; she then went on to play college basketball at East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, once her playing career ended, Ms. Watts began coaching at Greeneville High School, spending eight seasons with the Lady Devils until she departed for Robert Wood Johnson High School in Georgia in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Annette Watts spent a short time with the coaching staff at North Carolina State University before returning to Georgia to coach at Jackson County High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watts coached for nine seasons at Davidson College in North Carolina, becoming the program's winningest coach, before her departure in 2010; she then spent three years as a coach at Jacksonville State University before her return to Greeneville High School in 2013; and

WHEREAS, crediting her passion for the game to her own high school coach, Annette Watts felt at home coaching basketball at her alma mater; and

WHEREAS, in her 500<sup>th</sup> win, Coach Annette Watts drew up the perfect game, and all twelve players on the Greeneville High School Lady Devils basketball team scored; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary educator and coach who loves the challenge of her profession, Annette Watts is most proud of the academic and personal achievements of the student athletes she has coached and mentored during her incredible career and is thankful for the opportunity to have positively influenced so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Coach Annette Watts has distinguished herself as one of the greatest coaches in Tennessee high school basketball history, and she is most worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Coach Annette Watts on her 500<sup>th</sup> win of her basketball coaching career and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness both on and off the court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.